



2010-2011

Essay Contest

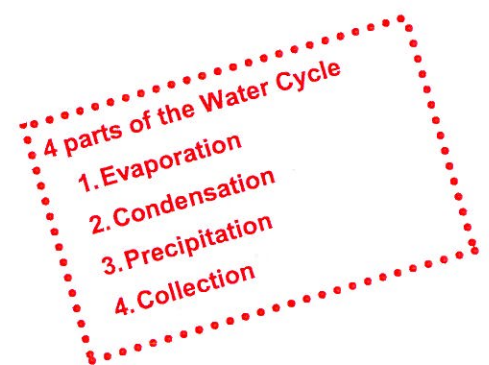
It's Contest Time!!!

The Durham Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Conservation Essay contest this year!

The theme is "**Water...The Cycle of Life**". This encompasses a wide range of idea topics that the students can incorporate in their competition entries.

Who's eligible? Any Durham County student (public, private, or homeschool) in **6th grade**!

The contest runs from now until **Feb 10, 2011**.



Prizes

There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given for Durham County 6th graders:

1st place - \$50 cash and essay entered in regional competition

2nd place - \$25 cash

****Teachers who have a 1st place winning student will receive \$30 or more to be used at their favorite school supply store!**

If your students are interested in competing in this, please call us at 919-560-0558, or email Jennifer at jbrooks@co.durham.nc.us to sign up!

Official Rules

Essays must:

- Bear the current title of the essay contest.
- Be limited to **300 – 500 words**.
- Be presented on standard 8 ½" X 11" paper.
- **NO NAMES ON THE FRONT, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Essays must be identified on the back using the attached registration form (**can be found on page 3**)

For clarification, the difference between an essay and a report, as applied to this contest, is as follows:

- Essay - A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking
- Report - A formal presentation of facts in a report style.

Judging Criteria

The NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts have adopted a standard score sheet to be used for all contest levels. Essays will be judged on content and writing skills as described on the score sheet.

- **Essays must be the work of the individual student!**
- **Essays may be either handwritten or typed on the computer.**

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect Length -5 points
- Current title not on essay -5 points
- Wrong paper size -2 points

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Water...The Cycle of Life



Official Entry Form. Use one per entry.

Tear off below line and attach to **back** of essay.

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Student's

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Address: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

County: **DURHAM** District: **Durham Soil & Water**

